**Individual Qualification**

**NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships Selection Information**

### Allocation of Individual Berths

The championship provides for **40 men’s and 40 women’s individuals**

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<td>Those that win an individual championship in a certified conference, and was not a member of a team that earned a national-championship berth, advance to the field automatically.</td>
<td>The remainder of the field will be chosen in rank-order based on national individual RPI (iRPI) among individuals that are not already a member of a team that earned a national-championship berth or not already selected automatically via an individual conference championship.</td>
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Number of automatic qualifiers will vary year-to-year

Number of at-large selections will vary year-to-year. Automatic plus at-large selections will not exceed 40 per gender.

### Individual At-Large Selection Summary

#### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for at-large consideration athletes must:

- Finish two or more eligible races during regular season AND receive a rank-order result versus at least 100 Division I individuals during the regular season. Opponents need NOT be unique.
- OR - finish its conference championship race.

Eligible races:

- Must have more than one Division I institution(s) that have at least one finisher (intrasquad races and competition against only non-Division I institutions are not eligible for count or individual RPI).

#### INDIVIDUAL RATINGS PERCENTAGE INDEX (iRPI)

*iRPI* is a decimal number between 0 and 1 which is the average of:

**THOSE WHO FINISH THREE (3) RACES OR MORE IN REGULAR SEASON**

1 PART: Individual's winning percentage

1 PART: Individual's opponents’ cumulative win-loss record in percentage (aka strength-of-schedule)

**THOSE WHO FINISH ONLY TWO (2) MEETS IN REGULAR SEASON**

2 PARTS: Individual's winning percentage

3 PARTS: Individual's opponents’ cumulative win-loss record in percentage (aka strength-of-schedule)

**THOSE WHO FINISH ONLY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP IN REGULAR SEASON**

1 PART: Individual's winning percentage

2 PARTS: Individual's opponents’ cumulative win-loss record in percentage (aka strength-of-schedule)

Note: This formula differs from the RPI used in evaluation of teams. Ties submitted by timers are ignored in winning percentage.

#### SELECTIONS

The number of individuals to be selected at-large (per gender) will equal 40 minus the number of individuals selected automatically via a conference individual championship.

Those athletes that are a squad member of a team already qualified for the national-championship field are not eligible to be selected as an at-large individual.

The remaining number of eligible individuals will be placed in ranked-order based on their individual RPI (iRPI). Selections will be made in that order until the number of individuals (automatic and at-large combined) equal 40.